



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

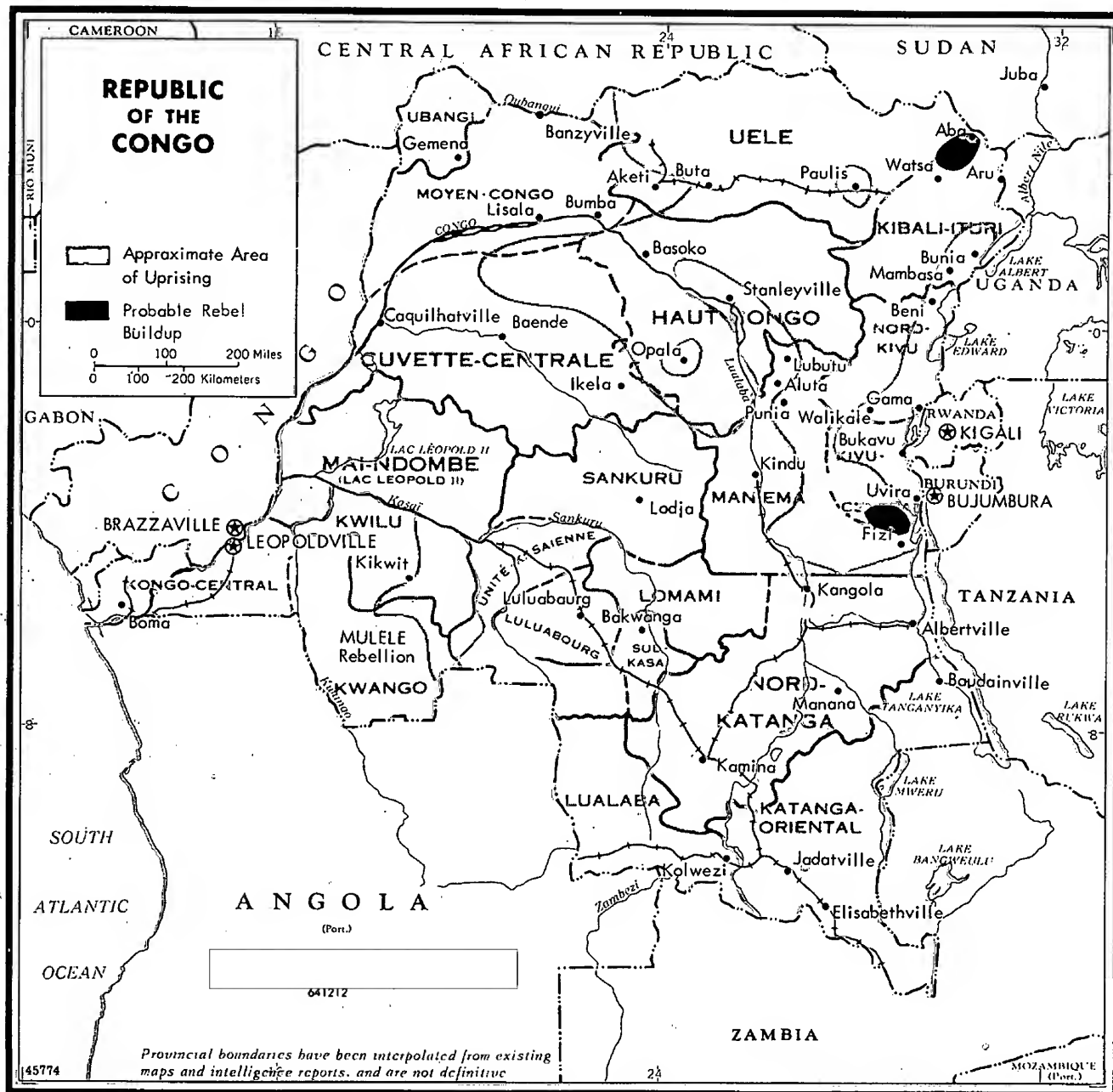
THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

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1. Congo

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The rebels are believed to be forming new units, perhaps laced with foreign "volunteers," just across the border. There has also been a buildup in rebel strength near Uvira, an important transport center on the Burundi border. Rebel bands are also active west of Stanleyville.

2. USSR

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3. Indonesia

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US interests will be coming under increasing harassment, but the oil companies will probably be able to hang on for some time under present contracts which are advantageous to the Indonesians.

4. South Vietnam

Buddhist leaders will probably follow up their weekend fast, which failed to attract wide sympathy, with a series of public demonstrations aimed at provoking a government reaction which can be used to attract backing to their cause. The latest spurt in Viet Cong activity continues and included at least two battalion-size actions in the past few days plus a number of smaller attacks. The Viet Cong are encouraging the dissident mountain tribesmen, who may also be getting some support from the Cambodians and the French.

5. Italy

Balloting to select a successor to President Segni begins Wednesday and could extend into next week. At this juncture the race seems wide open, although there is a chance that ex-Premier Fanfani might ride into office with Communist support. This could well lead to a crisis in the center-left coalition.

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